

Office of the Governor
Open Position – Chair, Liquor Control Board

Governor Christine Gregoire is seeking qualified candidates for appointment to the Liquor Control Board. The mission of the Board is to prevent the misuse of alcohol and tobacco and promote public safety through controlled retail and wholesale distribution, licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. The position is 60% time and is based in Olympia, Washington.

Background

The Washington State Liquor Control Board was formed in 1933 when the State Legislature passed the Steele Act. This followed ratification of the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ending 12 years of prohibition. The board oversees the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the state. Washington is one of 18 states that directly control the sale of liquor at the wholesale level.

Agency Purpose

The agency's Products and Retail Services Division manages and operates 161 state liquor stores and oversees another 154 contract stores operated by independent operators. The Enforcement and Education Division enforces state liquor laws through on-site inspections and compliance checks at the state's more than 12,000 businesses licensed to sell alcohol on and off premise. The Licensing and Regulation Division investigates and processes more than 4,300 license applications annually. A statewide Alcohol Awareness Program includes licensee and public education components aimed fostering the responsible use of alcohol by reducing over-service and underage drinking.

Compensation

While the board at one time had direct responsibility for day-to-day operations of the agency, today it appoints an administrative director who is in charge of operations. The board focuses on policy. When that change was made, the board went from full-time to 60 percent time. The salary for the chair is currently about \$55,000 and the other two board members are paid \$49,000 (again based on 60 percent time).

Application Procedure

Individuals interested in this position should submit a letter of interest, a current resume and the application for gubernatorial appointment (online at: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/>) Please send materials via mail or email to:

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All application materials are due by **Friday August 4th, 2006.**